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SUBJ: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. DURING EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S QUESTION TIME JULY 6, THERE WAS LIVELY, HEATED EXCHANGE BETWEEN MP'S AND NEW EC PRESIDENT IN COUNCIL, BELGIAN FONMIN SIMONET, ABOUT WHETHER THE EC NINE SHOULD PRESS THE USSR ON THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. MP'S, INCLUDING THE SOCIALISTS, DEMANDED THAT THE NINE TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIETS AND ARGUED MORE BROADLY THAT HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED IN ANY TRADING AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS CONCLUDED WITH EASTERN EUROPE.

2. SIMONET ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE THE NINE WOULD MAKE A CONCERTED APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS ON THEIR TREATMENT OF JEWS. FIRST, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE NINE TO ADOPT A COMMON POSITION ON THIS MATTER. SECOND, SAID SIMONET, EC MEMBER STATES BELIEVE THAT ALL ASPECTS OF HELSINKI AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF A WHOLE AT BELGRADE, RATHER THAN BY SINGLING OUT ANY ONE ASPECT  
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FOR SEPARATE TREATMENT. HE WARNED THAT IF DETENTE IS NOT TO SUFFER, BELGRADE "SHOULD NOT BE TURNED INTO A TRIBUNAL, A CONFRONTATION." HE ALSO WARNED THE PARLIAMENT THAT IF THE EC IS TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC COMPETITIVE POSITION AND ITS GENERAL INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD, "WE SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE CRUSADES...OR TRY TO REFORM THE MORALS OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE ARE TRYING TO

DO BUSINESS."

3. LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE WAS CONCLUDED BY STATEMENTS FROM PARLIAMENT'S PRESIDENT COLOMBO (ITALY, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) AND VICE PRESIDENT SPENALE (FRENCH, SOCIALIST) IN WHICH THEY TOLD SIMONET THE PARLIAMENT HAD FOUND HIS REMARKS UNSATISFACTORY AND WOULD CONTINUE TO URGE THE EC COUNCIL TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.HINTON

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